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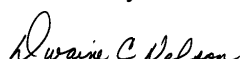
## SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS QUARTERLY LABOR

### NOVEMBER 2002 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **QUARTERLY FARM LABOR SURVEY** for the week of October 6-12, 2002. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson  
State Statistician

**NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA:** There were 19,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona (Mountain Region III) the week of October 6-12, 2002. This was 2,000 above the same period a year ago. All workers in the region received \$8.25 per hour, up 40 cents from last year. This rate was 68 cents below the national average of \$8.93. Hours worked on farms and ranches in the region averaged 45.7 hours, down 0.9 hours from last year and was 5.3 hours greater than the U.S. average.

**UNITED STATES:** There were 935 thousand workers hired directly by farm operators. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$8.93 per hour during the October 2002 survey week, up 34 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.30 per hour, up 29 cents from last October. Livestock workers earned \$8.44 per hour compared with \$8.39 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.33 was up 24 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.4 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 41.7 hours a year ago.

**Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,  
Selected Regions and U.S., October 01-02 <sup>1/</sup>**

	Mountain II <sup>2/</sup>		Mountain III <sup>3/</sup>		Southern Plains <sup>4/</sup>		United States <sup>5/</sup>	
	Oct 7-13 2001	Oct 6-12 2002	Oct 7-13 2001	Oct 6-12 2002	Oct 7-13 2001	Oct 6-12 2002	Oct 7-13 2001	Oct 6-12 2002
-----Thousands-----								
<b>Workers on Farms</b> All Hired Workers	21	16	17	19	68	58	991	935
-----Hours Per Week-----								
<b>Hours Worked</b> All Hired Workers	43.5	35.7	46.6	45.7	40.0	41.7	41.7	40.4
-----Dollars Per Hour-----								
<b>Workers By Work Type</b>								
Field	7.65	8.31	6.87	7.07	7.16	7.05	8.01	8.30
Livestock	8.09	8.79	8.13	8.24	7.97	7.32	8.39	8.44
Field & Livestock	7.78	8.50	7.25	7.42	7.52	7.18	8.09	8.33
All Workers	8.08	8.79	7.85	8.25	8.01	7.57	8.59	8.93

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2/</sup> Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. <sup>3/</sup> Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. <sup>4/</sup> Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. <sup>5/</sup> Excludes AK.